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The sou'wester of Wednesday was followed up without any delay at all by a fierce sou'easter yesterday, the latter being by far the stiffest gale yet experienced here this year. It blew at the rate of nearly 100 miles an hour at the capes and did not lack much of that, in some of its gusty phases right here in the city. Umbrellas, awnings, signs and other things, not screwed down, were legitimate prey for the sportive winds here yesterday, and even people were swept off their feet in one or two instances. There is a good chance for a bet that the square-riggers off the bar will not be seen there this morning after the rigors of the night, but will sail back in the course of a day or two.

The French bark Joinville, Captain Mace, 128 days from Cherbourg, entered port yesterday on the hawsers of the bar tug Walluta. Captain Mace reports a fair trip out, and says that on rounding the Horn he met several vessels in more or less dilapidated condition as to top-hamper and canvas, as though they had been through a severe stress of weather, but did not speak any of them nor could he make any of them out. His own voyage was uneventful all the way out, and his people are all well. She is cement laden, from Antwerp first, and consigned to Meyer, Wilson & Company, at Portland, and will leave up stream on the first tow that offers.

When Captain John Reid came in yesterday with the Joinville, he left two vessels off the mouth of the river, one the Herzogin Cecile, the German training ship, whose master concluded to remain outside until his orders arrived rather than pay the towage charges of the port; and what is supposed to be the British ship Brabant, Captain Baxter, well known in at once.

this port, just arrived from Antwerp with cement and consigned to W. P. Fuller & Company, at Portland.

The oil steamer Asuncion is due in from San Francisco at any hour, and comes on the tow-line of some of the oil fleet. It will be an odd sight to see the Asuncion under tow, she being one of the liveliest of the coasting fleet to enter this harbor. But she is not quite recovered from her collision in the San Francisco bay some months ago.

The steamship Senator will leave the Bay City at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, for this port and Portland, in place of the State of California, which latter ship has gone back on her San Francisco-Los Angeles run.

The Kamm flagship Lurline went away last night at 7 o'clock, with plenty cargo and a number of passengers, including J. R. Goulter and Miss Goulter, of Ilwaco. She had a spanking breeze behind her when she pulled out for Portland.

The Alliance, due in this port on Wednesday, from Coos Bay, is still unreported, and has likely taken a hunch on the sou'wester and the sou'easter, and remained safe in the harbor at Coos.

The British steamship Admiral Boylston is due in the Columbia river, from Victoria and the Puget Sound country, at any time, and will load grain out from Portland.

The steamer Eureka got away over the bar yesterday morning, for her namesake port on the California coast.

The steamship Breakwater came up the river early yesterday morning and left out for Coos Bay at once.

OTTO PETERSON HAS A WORD OF EXPLANATION

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE ALDERBROOK CITIZEN ANENT HIS WITHDRAWAL.

Otto Peterson submits the following interesting letter anent his recent withdrawal from the pending campaign, and the Astorian gladly publishes it at his request:

"Astoria, Or., Nov. 18, 1908.

"Editor The Astorian:

"Dear Sir:—In the news columns of The Astorian during the past 10 days I have been given several write ups and perhaps got more notoriety than 34 years residence in Astoria entitles me to; it all having come about owing to my having received the nomination on three tickets for the four-year term as Water Commissioner from the Fourth ward.

"It is just as well that the public should know how I happened to be a candidate for such an office. Several of the best citizens in the Fourth ward asked me to represent them in the Water Commission, and my petition was prepared partly without my consent. Having doubted the legality of being able to hold such a position as my name did not appear as a taxpayer or property holder—my portion of taxes being paid by a local corporation in which I am a stockholder and what property I own here and at Seaside being in my wife's name—I did, before filing my petition, call at the office of a local attorney and after explaining the circumstances to him I asked, in the presence of three or four gentlemen, if I could legally hold the office mentioned. I was informed that I could. Hence the filing of my petition.

"Even after such advice my suspicions were still unsettled so I called at the office of Fulton Bros. to seek further light. When I explained my case, I was instantly referred to Section 156 of the Charter of the City of Astoria, which section completely knocked the underpinning from one of the political aspirants from the Fourth ward. My career as a politician was of short duration. However, in the future as in the past, my name will be Otto Peterson, and a grateful memory shall always cherish a kindly feeling for the representatives of the three parties, Republican, Citizen and Democrat, who willingly, and without solicitation, placed such confidence in me.

"I shall not forget the fairness (?) of some of my neighbors who were good and kind enough to take an indirect slap at me by stating (after they doubtless knew I was disqualified to hold the office) that there were people working and inspecting streets who were not taxpayers.

"In closing I beg to say that I have been a direct and indirect contributor to the tax roll of Clatsop county for over 31 years; since the days when the street in front of my property was used as a county road I have paid for its improvement although it always has been, and is now, the only practical street leading to Uppertown and now in my old days I am not coming before the public pleading lack of sanitary (or sanitary) conveniences and demanding that the property of widows and orphans and generations yet unborn be bonded so as to improve the tidals in front of my lots as do some of your business and political charlatans when they ask for the building of a seawall, the raising of the grade and the bankruptcy of the city of Astoria. Yours truly,

"OTTO PETERSON."

STILL SEEKING JAPS FOR THE LANDS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO HAS PLAN TO INTEREST OTHER FOREIGNERS

Despite the fact that the federated trades of Astoria have placed themselves on record as being opposed to the bringing of Japanese here for the purpose of working on the logged-off lands in the vicinity of Astoria, the efforts to carry out the plan are not permitted to lag. It begins to look as if a colony of the Japs will yet be brought here.

A. A. Whipple, formerly a resident of this city, and still a large land holder in Clatsop county, now resides in Seattle and much of the information secured by the Chamber of Commerce comes through Mr.

Whipple. In a letter received yesterday by the Chamber Mr. Whipple states in detail some of the things the little brown men have done on logged-off lands in the vicinity of Seattle. The plan there has been to rent them the lands for 10 years, or 15 years, and in cases where the stumps were still on the soil the only consideration asked was that it be cleared off. Mr. Whipple's communication states that in some instances the Japs have annually made several hundred dollars "an acre" off their free lands, though that would indicate that the rented lands must have been near enough to Seattle to us them in raising garden truck.

Certain gentlemen who own lands in the neighborhood of Cathlamet have also become interested in the Japanese proposition, and wish to secure a colony for that part of the country. In the Cathlamet locality are tracts of level land that may appear attractive to the Japs.

In addition to this plan the Chamber of Commerce has taken up a plan of endeavoring to interest certain people in Norway and Sweden. Circular letters are to be sent to them offering the use of the logged-off lands upon the consideration that they be cleared off. It would appear that the form of the proposition made to the people in Sweden and Norway, however, is inviting trouble. The federal laws against any form of alien contract labor are very stringent. Whether the people from these countries would take to the land any more freely than their very numerous countrymen who have been here for many years may appear doubtful. Those who actually own the land seem to pin their only hope on the Japs.

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WERE WED IN CHURCH LAST EVENING

MANY GATHER TO SEE MARRIAGE OF MR. STOKES AND MISS HIGGINS

Mr. Walter S. Stokes and Miss Margaret May Higgins, members of two of Astoria's well known and leading families, were married at the First Methodist church last night, the ceremony being performed at 8 o'clock by the Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the church.

The wedding of the young people was a notable one in many ways, for they both are of representative families of the city, and have many friends and well-wishers. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, ferns being mostly used, and was crowded with friends of the young people. The scene at the wedding was a pretty and inspiring one. It was good weather for a wedding, too, for the winds and showers of the day had mostly passed away, leaving a sky studded with stars.

The bride was beautifully attired in white crepe de chine, made in empire style, with train, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. She also wore a bride's veil. Miss Winifred Higgins was maid of honor, and she was attired in pink, and Miss Grace Stokes, the bridesmaid, in blue. E. A. Higgins was best man. The ushers were J. A. Beckwith, L. C. McLeod, R. McLean, and Lieutenant Richard Park of Vancouver Barracks.

After the ceremony at the church the bridal couple went to the Higgins' home on Eighth street, and for an hour or two many friends gathered there informally to extend their congratulations. The home was beautifully decorated also, with ferns and palms.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes will make their home at 12th street and Grand avenue, and will leave today for a short honeymoon trip to valley towns. Among those who went to the home last night were members of the Thursday Club, of which the bride is a member.

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